



Santa Clara University Catala Club

Service, Support, and Spirituality

President's Message – Laurie Hernandez March 2023

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Dear wonderful members of the Catala family,

Please meet this month's Catala scholar, Julian Brown. A four-year Catala scholarship recipient, Julian is a first generation college student whose dream is to become an aeronautical engineer. This amazing young man was recently profiled in another SCU publication, a copy of which is included in this newsletter. Julian will graduate with degrees in mechanical engineering and aerospace engineering in June of this year.



While we can hardly rival the full mischief of Mardi Gras, February brought us a lot of fun. My thanks to Kate Canessa for her brilliant organization of a delightful afternoon of SCU basketball, complete with a pre-game tailgate. Our table was so much fun, we had to keep adding chairs! And our school mascot, Bucky the Bronco (who we love but is so hard to schedule) came too — we couldn't shake him if we had tried. The cherry on top was the SCU win over Loyola Marymount University. Congratulations to our team and coaches for this too. Photos of the afternoon are included in this newsletter.

February also brought us a return to a Catala favorite: lunch at Kyoto Palace. My thanks to Cathy De Maria and Julie Jaroshenko, our luncheon hostesses. My additional thanks to Catala member and restaurant owner Vicki Yoshihara, her husband Dale, and their gracious staff for their always amazing hospitality. We often gauge the success of our monthly lunches by the noise level — this one was not to be beat. And Vicki, thank you too for the beautiful orchid that you gifted to us as a drawing prize. Somebody went home a lucky winner!

With no shortage of fun in sight, please save us the date of Sunday, June 4. Catala has reserved a block of tickets for the SCU student performance of *Into The Woods* – 2 p.m. at Mayer Theatre. A private Catala reception will precede the show in Bannan Alumni House. As June 4 is also Fr. Jack's birthday, I suspect that birthday cake may be involved. More to come on this as we get closer.

My thanks also go to the dream team of Mary Blaser, Debbie McBride and Sandra McMahan who have agreed to apply their extraordinary talents as the co-chairs for the return of our Annual Fashion Show. Details are coming together as I write this, and while you have your calendars open, please save us the date of October 18. Stay tuned — more fun awaits.

SCU's travel programs are in full swing. In addition to the Alumni Cruise to Alaska this summer, the SCU Golf Travel Program has announced its trip to play the championship courses in Ireland. Golf enthusiasts are welcome and will be traveling with Renee Baumgartner, SCU Athletic Director, and SCU golf coaches, Krystal Kelly and Andrew Larkin. The trip will conclude with two days at The Open Championship in Royal Liverpool, England. Travel dates are July 15-24, 2023. Contact Jim Lyons (jlyons@scu.edu or 408-551-1691) for more information.

I would like to salute the members of Catala who have been with us for 25 years or more. By my count, there are 38 of you — this equates to at least 950 hours of commitment to Catala's work. No wonder we have such a strong culture of service and camaraderie. Thank you and congratulations, ladies!

I close with an introduction to your Board of Directors for next year. My thanks to Nominating Co-Chairs Pat De Marlo and Charlene Raisch and to their wonderful Committee for their terrific work in assembling this fantastic slate. It was unanimously approved by the general membership at our February meeting. The full slate is presented in this newsletter. Ladies, I thank each of you for stepping up to your new role on our Board.

Happy Spring!

With blessings,

Laurie Hernandez '85
President, Catala Club



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| 15 Tamara McLevis Michie | |

FOOD INSECURITY at SCU

Thank you to all our generous Catala donors who have donated \$6,370 to the SCU Food Pantry since the start of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2022. These donations include the Giving Tree, Amazon Wishlist, 50/50 raffle and donations made directly to the SCU Development Office. At the end of last fiscal year (June 30), the total donated was \$3,450. The students are really grateful! Below are 3 easy ways to donate:

1. Donate directly through the [Amazon link](#) and ship to Kim Gilkey-Santa Clara University Office of Student Life- Benson Room #205 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053
2. Cash donations directly through the [SCU Development Department](#) to purchase food for the pantry.
3. Items such as soap, toiletries, non-perishable food, etc. can be donated to the above Office, Attn: Kim Gilkey

Questions? Contact Office of Student Life at 408.554.4583 or osl@scu.edu

From Jim Lyons, Vice President for University Relations

The following is an excerpt from a message received from Jim Lyons, announcing the University’s new Assistant Vice President for University Event Planning:

“Lisa Swendsen is the new Assistant Vice President for University Event Planning. In this expanded role, Lisa will assume responsibility for the planning and execution of major University events. Having acted as the AVP since December, Lisa brings over a decade of experience and a vast amount of institutional knowledge at SCU. She has created and managed large-scale, high-profile events, including Commencement, Faculty and Staff events, as well as supporting our Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, and Board of Fellows. During the pandemic, the University tasked Lisa with successfully creating and executing three Commencement ceremonies in one calendar year that met the needs of the University and county Covid-19 guidelines.

Lisa is a Super Bronco, a former SCU student-athlete, a current SCU Hall of Fame member, and a decade-long staff member who will strengthen her incredible team of talented individuals. I am thrilled that Lisa has agreed to formally take over the leadership of this very important team.

Lastly, I congratulate Karrie Grasser on her new position as University Protocol Officer. She brings considerable experience and deep institutional knowledge to the President's Office while assisting with special projects and initiatives.”

Catala Club congratulates Lisa and Karrie!

We extend our Prayers of Sympathy and Consolation to Kim Warrick and Pat DeMarlo with the passing of Hope, Kim’s daughter and Pat’s “adopted granddaughter,” to the friends and families of the victims of violence, fires, floods and disease.



Our Prayers for Healing and Restored Good Health for Mary Atwell, Pat DeMarlo, Patty Mahan, Carol Sabatino, Henry Vitkovich, Michelle Sola’s grandson, Áedán, for our SCU Community and for all who have nobody to pray for them.



**FROM THE DESK OF KATY KELLY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- New contact information effective immediately

Louise Zarka

Belmont Village
13850 North Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard,
Apt. #238

Scottsdale AZ 85260
(408) 722-7500 (C)

- Please add this phone number information

Joan Stoelker

(408) 828-1846 (C)

- Corrected email for **Kathleen Nygard**

kathleen.nygard@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-SAVE THE DATE

March 16 Thursday	Annual Day of Reflection Becket Hall St. Thomas of Canterbury Church – NOTE DAY CHANGE please
April 19	Saratoga Country Club
May 17	Annual Installation Mass and Luncheon
June 4	Mayer Theatre production “Into the Woods” – 2pm Matinee Preceded with Reception, Alumni House
August 13	Summer Social, Home of Katy and Tom Kelly

**Tribute to Our Past Presidents
by Charlene Raisch**

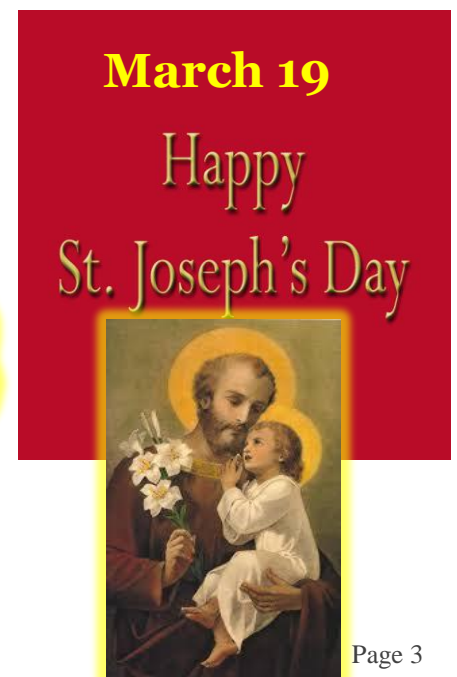
Every SCU Catala Club President from Mrs. Sullivan onward has brought her own special talents enthusiasm and love of Catala and of SCU to our Club. There is a common thread that runs through each and every President’s bio which is the work we do to raise monies for our Catala Scholarship Fund to help undergraduate students receive an SCU Jesuit education.

We’re a diverse group of women brought together by our love and appreciation of this goal to help others experience it.

To you intelligent strong forward-thinking women of Catala today we wish you the very best and hope that you enjoy every moment of your Catala experience.

**DIANNE DONNELLY BONINO
2008-2010 and 2014-2015**

- A favorite memory has to do with Catala’s 80th Anniversary Party. Aside from spending more time with my Uncle Bill (our Club Chaplain, Father Bill Donnelly, S.J.), working with Sue Davison and the Board on the Anniversary party was a definite highlight.
- The Past Presidents’ Tea at the Moul home with 10 or 12 Past Presidents in attendance was a memorable event. I was so glad I had a chance to meet these women. Up until that day, some were just names in the Roster. This gathering gave me a face and stories to go with the names. Many are gone now and thanks to our photographers and historians (past and present), we have photographs of these ladies in the archives as well as a lot of wonderful memories.



Gratitude to our Nominating Committee, Co-Chairs Pat De Marlo and Charlene Raisch, and Committee Members Dianne Bonino, Sue Davison, BC Gibbons, Katy Kelly and Debbie McBride for their deliberations to prepare our 2023-24 slate of Officers and Board Members, all of whom were unanimously elected at our February General Meeting.

2023-24 CATALA CLUB OFFICERS

President:	Joan Cattermole
First Vice President:	Nancy Tarantino
Second Vice President:	Katy Kelly
Secretary:	Dianne Bonino
Treasurer:	BC Gibbons
Historian:	Mary Atwell
Immediate Past President:	Laurie Hernandez

2023-24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One Year Term

Lisa De Lusignan
 Julie Jaroshenko
 Ann Lindahl
 Birdie Pacelli
 Shannon Potts
 Kris Stanga
 Roseann Adona
 Mary Jane Vitkovich

Two Year Term

Kate Canessa
 Sue Davison
 Cathy De Maria
 Joan Ferrari
 Fran Lowry
 Leanna Giannini
 Charlene Raisch

APPOINTED BY INCOMING PRESIDENT, JOAN CATTERMOLLE

Parliamentarian
 Jeannie Mahan

Assistant Treasurer
 Pat DeMarlo

Advisory Board

Mary Conlon Almassy
 Debbie McBride
 Joanne Moul

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON AND MEETING AT KYOTO PALACE

The FUN wizardry of Kyoto's Chefs!



*Thank you Mary Atwell and Birdie Pacelli
for your great photography at our Kyoto Palace Luncheon!*

Pre-Game Bronco Bash, revving up to cheer on our Bronco Basketball Team for the Win over Loyola Marymount! Kudos to **Kate Canessa** for organizing and bringing back a fun event! In Kate's words "Thanks to all of the Catala members who showed their Bronco spirit attending this event, to **Sandra McMahan** for her instrumental work in getting the group together in the same section and rows at the game and to **Mary Conlon Almassy** who was "the brains" behind the organization of this fun Catala/Bronco experience, which would not have happened without her inspiration and guidance."





Julian Brown, Aspiring Aeronautical Engineer

The sky is not the limit, it is just the beginning

Humankind has always been captivated by the sky and the stars above. But it wasn't until the 20th century that aerospace engineering helped us not just reach them, but traverse them, connecting us to different parts of our world and even universe. Developing these types of flight-capable machines is what Julian Brown intends to make his life's work. As an ambitious senior majoring in mechanical engineering with a minor in aerospace engineering, Brown aspires to become an aeronautical engineer, a dream he has had his whole life. And one, he says, that could not have been possible without the scholarship assistance he received from Santa Clara's generous endowed fund benefactors.

Brown has been a deserving recipient of the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund for all four years at Santa Clara. The dedicated members of Catala are

comprised of women of wide-ranging backgrounds, occupations, and faiths who have helped shape the future leaders of tomorrow through their incredible contributions. This year, Brown also received scholarship assistance from the Janice and Thomas Berthold Engineering Scholarship Fund thanks to his stellar academic performance. "As a first-generation college student,

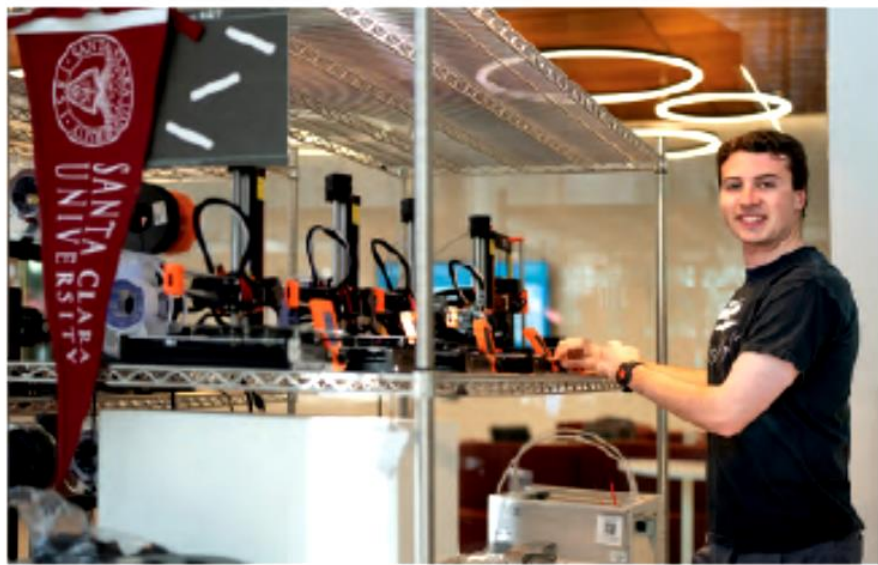


I feel incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to pursue an education and a career in aeronautical engineering," he says gratefully.

Over the course of his time at Santa Clara, Brown feels like the academic challenges he faced helped him grow in many ways. "I have learned an incredible amount about different subjects related to my field," he says, noting that in his personal life he has become more active socially than in the past and has discovered a great deal about living in a diverse community of students and people. "This has been a very important experience for me because I grew up in a small town with little diversity in any regard."

After remote learning during the pandemic, Brown says he has really appreciated engaging with his professors in person, emphasizing how face to face interactions foster greater connections and relationships. He also admits he was quite impressed by how much faculty rose to the occasion and how they incorporated creative teaching methods into their remote lessons.

This past summer, Brown completed an internship at the School of Engineering's Robotic Systems Lab, led by Christopher Kitts, the William and Janice Terry Professor. Given his aptitude for



well-rounded engineer by being exposed to mechanical, electrical, and computer systems all integrated into one device." He adds, "Getting a sense of how those systems go together through real-world engineering experience is so important." Brown also counts the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation as a significant resource for furthering this cross-disciplinary mindset. "I think it could be used as a really valuable stepping stone toward making Santa Clara an even more competitive, cutting-edge institution."

town where fishing and tourism were the main industries, and as a restaurant employee himself, Brown understands the importance of self-development, no matter your chosen career path. It's this notion of lifelong learning that speaks to him most. He points out, "I would never think that when I receive my diploma, that paper says I know what I'm doing. As a lifelong learner, I am consistently refining the craft and conducting an internal audit on my logic." Brown hopes it is this kind of philosophy, a hallmark of Ignatian spirituality, that will drive his future career in aeronautics and help him be "a better engineer tomorrow than I was today." It is clear this humble human will continue that quest until he reaches the stars.

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mechanical-based thinking, he went into the internship to gain a better contextual understanding of how various engineering systems interact. Reflecting on his experience, he states, "It was an ideal opportunity for me to becoming a

Brown also believes that it is the Jesuit tradition of nurturing and educating the whole person that has really inspired him to pursue his dreams—it is one of the reasons he chose to attend SCU in the first place. Growing up in a small

Top left: Julian Brown '23, recipient of the Catala Club Endowed Scholarship Fund and the Janice and Thomas Barthold Engineering Scholarship Fund, in front of the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation (SCDI).

Bottom left: Brown using state-of-the-art equipment in SCDI.

Top right: Brown in the School of Engineering's Maker Lab.

***You were made in the image of God. Act accordingly.
Any moment in your life where you choose to be kind, generous, selfless, patient,
or express any other form of goodness...that is a Holy Moment.***

-Matthew Kelly